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Details of Complaints of Bribery/Fuvoriism/Other Serious Types Received in Mainpitri

Year	No. of complaints registered for investi-gations	Disciplinary action initiated									
		Total		Group A'		Group 'B'		Group 'C'		Group 'D'	
		Major	Minor	Major	Minor	Major	Minor	Major	Minor	Major	Minor
1999	2 5	14—	2	—	11—	1	—	—	—		
2000	3 1										
2001											
2002											

Increase in rentals for commercial subscribers

3833. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India has increased monthly rentals of commercial subscribers upto 33 per cent from April 1, 2002;

(b) if so, the justification therefor;

(c) whether Government are aware that a large number of residential telephones are being used as commercial one, resulting loss to the exchequer in the capital; and

(d) if so, the steps Government propose to take against such subscribers who are using their telephones for commercial purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) and (b) The category of commerical subscribers was first introduced by the Telecommunication Tariff Order of 15.3.1999. Such a category of subsribers paying higher rental was created by the TRAI at a time when STD/TSD tariffs had declined considerably. Vide its Amendment dated 14.3.2002, the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India prescribed higher rentals for commercial subscribers compared with non-commercial ones. For an

exchange capacity of over one lakh, the rentals prescribed by TRAI were 24% higher for commercial subscribers than for non-commercial ones.

(c) and (d) The Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited has not yet implemented the higher rental for commercial users.

Mobile phone facility in Kashmir and NER

3834. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question No. 3864 given in the Rajya Sahba on the 28th August, 2001 and state the reasons behind not allowing private companies and BSNL in Kashmir and NER to operate mobile telephone when the militants are freely using all sorts of advance communications network and thereby depriving only the common people to use this mobile telephony required for their own safety?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): Sir, the Cellular Mobile Telephone Service (CMTS) is operational, at present, in Guwahati and Shillong. Further expansion or fresh start of CMTS is not permitted, at present, by Private Operators as well as Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) in the Jammu and Kashmir Telecom Circle, North-East and Assam Telecom Circles on security considerations and in view of the prevailing situation.

Regularisation of data entry operations in DOT

3835. SHRI GHANSHYAM CHANDRA KHARWAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Telecommunication and MTNL have been separated;

(b) whether the Data Entry Operators working on contract basis in the Department of Telecommunication since February, 1999 have not been regularised;